

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A chain guide, comprising:
 - 2 an elastic member; and
 - 3 a wear face having the elastic member disposed therein, the wear face
 - 4 including a first surface and a second surface, the first surface being
 - 5 disposed to contact a chain and the second surface being in contact
 - 6 with the elastic member;
 - 7 whereby the chain guide dampens out impacts and transverse vibrations
 - 8 that can affect chain control, guide wear, and bracket fatigue.
- 1 2. The chain guide of claim 1, wherein the wear face further comprising at least
- 2 one retaining clip at one end of the wear face, the retaining clip being
- 3 slightly, slidably connected to a seating member disposed to support the
- 4 chain guide, thereby allowing a slight movement of the wear face in
- 5 relation to the seating member.
- 1 3. The chain guide of claim 2, wherein the wear face further comprising a
- 2 compression stop extending from the second surface and disposed to move
- 3 toward and eventually stopped by the seating member.
- 1 4. The chain guide of claim 2, wherein the seating member comprising a support
- 2 bracket or a flange extending therefrom.
- 1 5. The chain guide of claim 2, wherein the seating member further comprising a
- 2 lip disposed to stop any further movement of the wear face resulting forces
- 3 exerted thereupon by the chain.
- 1 6. The chain guide of claim 1, wherein the wear face is made of plastic material.